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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Third Annual Report of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications

I. At its 1 August meeting the Board considered the Third Annual Report of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications and the minute of the Board's action with respect to that report as set forth below:

25X1 [] brought to the Board's attention certain problem areas of particular concern to the Committee:

"a. The decreasing availability of Communist Chinese and Cuban publications.

"b. The continuing difficulty in the procurement of Soviet military and scientific and technical publications of military application.

"The Board then noted this report, as amended, approved the Committee's approach to problem areas, and directed it to pursue energetical-ly solutions to the key problems identified in its report. Specifically, the Board:

"a. Urged that the Committee continue to employ all possible means to increase the flow of Communist Chinese publications to the U. S.

"b. Agreed that certain Soviet publications of military and scientific and technical publications of military application are a procurement matter of great concern.

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"c. Agreed that the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee should take a more active role in assisting the Procurement Committee in the procurement of vitally needed publications not available through channels utilized by the Procurement Committee."

2. The attached page, indicating final Board action on the report, should be substituted for the cover page circulated as USIB-D-40, 3/3, 30 June 1961. Similarly, the attached page 9, which reflects the USIB-agreed amendment to paragraph III D, should replace the corresponding page in the report which was disseminated on 30 June.



Executive Secretary

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Attachments

Distribution:
Regular "D" plus
70 copies to PROCIB

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COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS
THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

I. AUTHORITY

This report reflects the major activities of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications for the Fiscal Year 1961 as authorized and directed by DCID 2/5 dated 26 June 1959.

II. MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

A. General Availability of Foreign Publications. The volume of books and monographs received by the CIA Library from Moscow has doubled this fiscal year: 51,000 volumes representing 13,084 titles. Receipt of Soviet newspapers remained fairly stable; periodical titles showed an increase of about twenty-five titles, including nine Soviet military journals denied for subscription in previous years. The total number of serial titles being received is slightly in excess of one thousand individual titles. A Want List of Soviet items critically needed has been compiled on behalf of the Committee and distributed for action. Chinese Communist publications are considered separately in paragraph III a. below.

Receipts from the countries of Eastern Europe remained fairly stable. The reopening of the U.S. Legation at Sofia has eased the need of procuring regular Bulgarian publications through secondary channels.

*Noted, as amended, by USIB on 1 August 1961 (USIB-M-166, item 9).

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American and other selected Foreign Service posts were asked to make special effort to procure available Cuban publications. As unique items were received, copies were made available to interested U.S. agencies, together with periodic lists of receipts.

D. Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee (IPC). PROCIB requested assistance from the IPC in the procurement of the Chinese Communist Liberation Army News (Chieh-fang Chun Pao) over a year ago, with no success to date from this source.

E. Bulgarian Military Serial Publications. U.S. Embassy, Sofia, has been denied subscriptions to forty military and technical serial titles for 1961. Alternate sources are being explored.

F. Russian Book List. To report the books procured and the expenditures incurred for the items through the Moscow Single Fund program, a Russian Book List is being prepared regularly and issued to participants in the program. The great increase in volume of book receipts from Moscow requires that the need for the Russian Book List be carefully reviewed. Preparation of the List necessitates the use of more manpower than can be afforded.

IV. MAJOR OBJECTIVES

The Committee will:

A. Continue to take vigorous action on special problems such as those

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